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நீலக்குடிபரிசர்/Neelakudi Campus ,திருவாரூர்/Thiruvarur- 610 005

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Date: 14.02.2026

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Two bid system)

| “TECHNICAL BID” | |
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| Tender Id no | CUTNEOI20252603 |
| Tender Ref. no | CUTN/Estate/EoI/2025-26/03 |
| Name of Service | Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and any other Public/Government relevant technical institutions for providing independent <i>Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) services cum establishment of Project Management Units (PMU)</i> for various construction projects within the CUTN campus. |
| Project Value | Rs.368.43 Crore |
| Value of Service | Up to 1% of Project Value (Including GST) |
| Period of Service | 24 Months |
| Date of issue of Tender | 14.02.2026 |
| Date of Pre Bid | 18.02.2026 |



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**Last Date & Time for
Receipt of Tenders**

07.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.(Office time)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

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| 01 | Tender Ref. no | : | CUTN/Estate/EoI/2025-26/03 |
| 02 | Name of Service | : | Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and any other Public/Government relevant technical institutions for providing independent Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) services cum establishment of Project Management Units (PMU) for various construction projects within the CUTN campus. |
| 03 | Project Value | : | Rs.368.43 Crore |
| 04 | Tender document fee | : | NIL |
| 05 | Validity of Tender | : | 90 days (From the date of opening of Financial bids) |
| 06 | Type of Tender (Works/Goods/Services) | : | Services (Civil & Electrical) |
| 07 | Period of Service | : | 24 Months (From the date of commencement of the work which will be calculated from the date of handing over of site to the agency.) |
| 08 | Date of issue | : | 14.02.2026 |
| 09 | Date & time of Pre-bid meeting | : | Estate Section, (KAILASH SATYARTHI BLOCK), CUTN On 18.02.2026 at 12.00 Noon. |
| 10 | Duration of submission of bids | : | 21 days |
| 11 | Last date & time for receipt of Tenders | : | 07.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.(Office time) |
| 12 | Date & time of bid opening | : | 09.03.2026 at 12:00 Hrs.(Office time) |
| | (a) Technical bid opening | : | |
| | (b) Financial bid opening | : | (Will be intimated through email separately, for those who are technically qualified based on the evaluation as per the conditions specified in the tender document.) |
| 13 | Address for submission of Tender | : | The Registrar , Central University of Tamil Nadu, Neelakudi campus, Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu - 610 005. With a mark of kind attention to: Deputy Registrar (Estate), Estate section, CUTN, Thiruvarur. |
| 14 | Procedure for submission of Tender | : | 1 st Cover: Process Compliance / Acceptance Form including exemption of EMD details. 2 nd Cover: Technical Bid. 3 rd Cover: Financial Bid. 4 th Cover: Larger outer cover (Wrapper) containing covers 1, 2 &3. (All the covers must be marked separately) |

- Bidders are advised to regularly check our website (www.cutn.ac.in) for any corrigendum/amendments till the opening of tender. All pages should be signed by bidder. The tender document contains **1 to 23** pages.

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Registrar, CUTN, Thiruvarur



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TPQA and PMU TENDER DOCUMENT

1. Invitation for EOI

Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvarur, invites sealed Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) for providing independent ***Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) services cum establishment of Project Management Units (PMU)*** for various construction projects within the CUTN campus. The selected TPQA agency shall operate as an autonomous quality assurance body responsible for verifying construction materials, workmanship, testing processes, documentation, compliance with standards, reporting, and stage-wise construction quality throughout the project period. CUTN will provide the detailed list of projects separately as **Table-A**.

2. Scope of Work

2.1 Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA)

The TPQA agency shall

- Carry out independent quality checks of materials and workmanship.
- Verify work execution as per drawings, CPWD specifications, BIS codes, and contractual requirements.
- Conduct site inspections daily/weekly and maintain inspection registers.
- Conduct laboratory and field tests through NABL/CUTN-approved labs.
- Submit inspection reports within 10 working days.
- Report non-conformances, defects, rejected materials, and quality deviations.
- Certify rectification of defects.
- Provide monthly quality reports with photographs, checklists, and testing data.
- Attend fortnightly review meetings with CUTN/PMC.
- Conduct NDT tests wherever required.
- TPQA will recruit the employee for Project Monitoring Units.

2.2. Project Monitoring Unit (PMU)

The PMU shall:

- Monitor overall project progress on a daily/weekly basis.
- Prepare timelines, milestone charts, bar charts, and planning schedules.
- Coordinate between contractors, PMC, CUTN, and Engineering Sections.
- Maintain documentation such as measurement books, inspection registers, bar bending schedules, technical drawings, etc.
- Assist in bill verification, quantity checking, and measurement auditing.
- Submit monthly progress reports with photographs and status summaries.
- Identify delays, risks, bottlenecks and recommend corrective actions.
- Assist in convening site coordination meetings and preparing minutes.
- Ensure safety compliance and monitor statutory provisions.
- Certification Running bill submitted by PMU and submitted for payment
- The deployment of Project Monitoring units 24 month / until completion of projects

2.2.1 Team Deployment Requirements

PMU Team

| S.No | Designation No. of Personnel | No. of Personnel | Remuneration details per month |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Project Manager – Civil | 1 | Rs.75,000/- |
| 2 | Assistant Engineer – Civil | 1 | Rs.50,000/- |
| 3 | Junior Engineers – Civil | 3 | Rs.40,000/- |
| 4 | Junior Engineer – Electrical | 1 | Rs.40,000/- |
| 5 | Technical Assistants – Civil | 2 | Rs.25,000/- |
| 6 | Technical Assistants - Electrical | 1 | Rs.25,000/- |
| 7 | Technical Assistants - Mechanical | 1 | Rs.25,000/- |
| 8 | Office Assistant | 1 | Rs.15,000/- |

The salary for the post of Project Manager, other Engineer and staff will commensurate with the experience of the candidate, and will be applicable until the completion of the projects

The PMU will oversee:

- Supervision of works as per approved drawings
- Ensuring quality standards
- Monitoring of the projects as per approved timelines
- Shall be headed by a Project Manager at the level of Executive Engineer/equivalent (retired) or above form Central / State Government, PSU, or similar organization.
- Sufficient supporting engineer with civil and Electrical backgrounds will be appointed.
- Payment will be released based on the verification of Project Manager

3. Eligibility

3.1 Institutional Eligibility

Only the following institutions may apply:

- IITs (Indian Institutes of Technology)
- NITs (National Institutes of Technology)
- Any other public / government premier relevant technical institutions.

No private agencies, PSUs, consultancy bodies, or research labs are permitted.

3.2 Expert Committee Requirement

The bidder must constitute a TPQA Expert Committee comprising faculty members who are minimum Assistant Professor Level or above and are currently employed in an IIT or NIT.

3.3 Expert CVs

The Technical Bid must include detailed CVs for every expert proposed, including:

- Designation
- Academic employment at IIT/NIT/ Any other Public / Government Institutions
- Qualifications
- Relevant technical experience
- Contact information

4. Site-Level Manpower (Roles Only)

a). TQPA

The TPQA agency shall deploy adequate full-time staff at the CUTN campus for the entire duration of the project. CUTN specifies only the roles, and not numbers. The on-site team shall consist of:

- A Quality Head (QH),
- Quality Engineers in relevant disciplines (Civil/Electrical/MEP as applicable), and
- Quality Assistants for field-level support.

b) PMU

The bidder is required to propose the number of personnel, their justification, and their CVs based on the proposed methodology, workload, and project complexity. CUTN will evaluate the suitability of the deployment plan during the Technical Evaluation. Engineers deployed at site should be well versed with the provisions and condition of the contract to ensure effective monitoring and timely decision-making.

5. Expert Visits to CUTN

The TPQA agency shall ensure regular expert visits to CUTN for inspections, audits, technical reviews, and reporting activities. CUTN does not prescribe the number of visits. The bidder must submit a visit plan, including expected frequency, scheduling methodology, and justification for how the visit plan ensures adequate technical oversight. CUTN will evaluate the viability and adequacy of the proposed visit plan as part of the Technical Evaluation.

6. On-Campus TPQA Laboratory

The TPQA agency establish and operate a fully functional TPQA laboratory at the CUTN campus for the project duration. External labs shall not be used except for specialized test.

6.1 Minimum Functions of CUTN-Based TPQA Lab

The laboratory must support:

- Concrete testing
- Aggregate & soil testing
- Steel testing (physical/chemical through appropriate equipment or arrangement)
- Bitumen and roadwork material tests
- Electrical & mechanical basic testing
- NDT testing capabilities
- Material storage and sample handling.

6.2 Lab Proposal Required

The bidder must submit a detailed plan for laboratory establishment, which includes the list of equipment to be installed, installation/commissioning schedule, standard operating procedures (SOPs) for testing and documentation, and the list of technical staff to be deployed in the laboratory. CUTN will not provide any testing equipment; all equipment shall be arranged by the TPQA agency.

7. Scope of TPQA Services

The TPQA agency shall independently perform the following:

7.1 Material Quality Verification

The TPQA agency shall independently conduct material quality verification by inspecting delivered materials, performing laboratory testing, verifying manufacturer certifications, maintaining digital and manual data logs, and updating a material approval register.

7.2 Stage-Wise Construction Quality

TPQA shall inspect and validate quality for:

- Foundations, substructure and superstructure
- RCC works, shuttering, concreting and curing
- Masonry, plastering and finishes
- Waterproofing and protective works
- Electrical installations
- Mechanical and plumbing systems
- Road works, drainage, external utilities
- Building services integration, etc.,

7.3 Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)

TPQA must conduct and supervise NDT techniques including:

- Rebound hammer
- UPV
- Core cutting and compressive testing
- Pressure tests

7.4 Documentation & NCR Management

The TPQA shall issue and maintain Non-Conformance Reports (NCRs), track and verify corrective actions, and maintain all necessary documentation registers, including material registers, test registers, inspection registers, and NCR registers.

7.5 Reporting

The bidder must submit all templates, formats, SOPs, checklists, including:

- Daily observation reports
- Weekly QC summary
- Monthly consolidated report
- Committee-level review report
- Final TPQA report
- Transparency of reporting

CUTN will not provide templates or formats; all must be developed and submitted by the bidder.

8. Methodology Framework

The bidder shall submit a complete methodology framework demonstrating how the TPQA services will be carried out. This framework must cover the quality assurance strategy, inspection procedures, testing procedures and frequency charts, sampling SOPs, material acceptance processes, documentation workflows, NCR and corrective action workflows, digital and photographic evidence management, site supervision protocols, and committee-level review mechanisms. All templates, registers, forms, and checklists referenced in the methodology must be submitted along with the Technical Bid. CUTN does not provide any templates for this purpose.

9. Required Documents (Technical Bid)

Bidders must submit the following:

1. Institutional Profile
2. Proof of IIT/NIT/any other Government Institutions status
3. List and CVs of all proposed experts (Assistant Professor level or above – roles and numbers)
4. Manpower deployment plan (roles and numbers)
5. Visit plan for expert inspections (including CUTN visit numbers)
6. Complete methodology framework
7. All templates, formats, checklists, SOPs
8. TPQA lab setup plan with equipment list & schedule
9. Past experience in TPQA or related QA services
10. Reporting framework samples
11. Timeline and implementation plan

12. Financial Bid (submitted separately)

10. Evaluation Methodology

CUTN shall adopt a **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** system with:

- 70% Weightage — Technical (Quality)
- 30% Weightage — Financial (Cost)

Only bidders achieving CUTN's minimum Technical Qualification Threshold (50% of Technical Weightage) will proceed to Financial Bid opening.

QCBS Formula:

In such a case, an Evaluated QCBS Score (B) will be calculated for each responsive Bid using the following formula, which permits a comprehensive assessment of the Bid price and the technical merits of each Bid (rounded up to two decimal points):

$$\text{Normalized Technical Score } T_s = (T * 100) / T_{\text{high}}$$

$$\text{Normalized Financial Score } F_s = (C_{\text{low}} * 100) / C$$

$$\text{Evaluated Combined Bid Score } B = F_s * (1 - W) + T_s * W$$

Where C= Evaluated Bid Price

C_{low} = the lowest of all Evaluated Bid Prices among responsive Bids

T = the total Technical Marks awarded to the Bid

T_{high} = the Technical Marks achieved by the Bid that was scored best among all responsive Bids

T_s = Normalized Technical Score

F_s = Normalized Financial Score

W = weightage for the Technical as specified in the AITB/BDS

B = Evaluated Combined Bid Score

For the purpose of calculation of **Composite Score (S)** for each bidder, the weightage shall be 70 % for the Technical Score (Stage - II) (TS) and 30% for Financial Score (FS) of the respective applicants. The Composite Score shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Evaluated Combined Bid Score } B = F_s * (1 - W) + T_s * W.$$

Tenderers will be ranked accordingly to their **Composite Scores** and will be listed in the order of merit as H 1, H 2 and H 3 and so on. The top scorer H 1 would be eligible for award of service.

10.1 Technical Evaluation Criteria

CUTN will evaluate bids based on six criteria:

1. Past Experience
2. Reporting & Transparency System
3. Expert Availability & Visit Plan
4. Manpower Deployment (roles, justification)
5. Site Laboratory & Testing Capability

6. Methodology Framework & Documentation Completeness

Note: The evaluation committee will internally assign scores for each criterion.

10.2 Submission

The Tender should be submitted in Four covers as detailed below. The address along with the contact number has to be mentioned in all the covers.

1st Cover:- CUTN/Estate/EoI/2025-26/03

(This cover should contain *Process compliance / Acceptance of Tender condition form* in the form of **Annexure - I.**)

2nd Cover:- Sealed & Super-scribed as “Tender –Technical Bid & Tender Ref No: CUTN/Estate/EoI/2025-26/03

(This cover should contain *Technical Bid* in sealed cover with relevant documents in support of eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document; terms and conditions (tender document) each page duly signed along with supportive documents. Any bid not signed on each page and without authorization may be rejected.)

3rd Cover:- Sealed & Super-scribed as “Tender –Financial Bid & Tender Ref No: CUTN/Estate/EoI/2025-26/03

(This cover should contain the *Financial Bid* (as attached in this tender document) with the *type written* filled details. All the items are needed to be filled. The rate quoted should be clearly mentioned in both numeric and in words without any overwriting/correction as mentioned in the document. Any bid not signed on each page and without authorization may be rejected.)

4th Cover (Master cover):-

The fourth cover (master cover) should contain all the above mentioned three separate covers (*Process compliance / Acceptance of Tender condition form* Cover, Technical bid cover, Financial bid cover). All the three covers are to be sealed and kept in one single larger size outer cover (Fourth cover) which should also be sealed and super scribed as below.

Each of the four covers shall also be super scribed with the following details:-

Tender reference number: **CUTN/Estate/EoI/2025-26/03 dated 14.02.2026** for Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and any other Public/Government relevant technical institutions for providing independent *Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) services cum establishment of Project Management Units (PMU)* for various construction projects within the CUTN campus. **The Registrar, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Neelakudi campus, Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu - 610 005.**

[Kind attention: Deputy Registrar, Estate section, CUTN, Thiruvarur]

Last date of tender submission **07.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.**(Office time)

Name of the section inviting this tender : Engineering section

Name and complete address of the bidder:

If all the three inner covers and one outer cover (i.e., Larger cover) are not sealed and marked as instructed by CUTN will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of any of the envelope. An envelope opened prematurely will be rejected.

The tender must reach **“The Registrar, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Neelakudi Campus, Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu 610 005”** With a mark of kind attention to: Deputy Registrar (Estate), CUTN, Thiruvarur by register post or by hand on or before **07.03.2026** upto 15:00 Hrs(Office time at Dispatch Section (Admin), A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Block, CUTN). The Tender shall be opened on **09.03.2026 at 12:00 Hrs.**

Tenders received after due date/time will not be considered under any circumstances. Canvassing in any form will result in the disqualification of the bidder. Tenders sent by fax/email will not be considered. To avoid any complications with regard to Late Receipt/Non Receipt of

Tenders, it may please be noted that responsibility rests with the bidder to ensure that the tenders reach the above mentioned address on or before the due date and time.

Tender submitted by post should be sent superscripting "Register Post with Acknowledgement Due". These should be posted with due allowance for any postal delay. Tender received after due date and time of opening tenders will be rejected and Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) will not be responsible for any postal delay.

It is tenderer's responsibility to watch for any corrigendum or amendment till the opening of the particular tender that will be posted only at CUTN website (www.cutn.ac.in).

1. **Pre-bid meeting:** The Tenderers or his authorized official representatives are invited to attend a Pre- bid Meeting which will take place at the Estate Section (Admin room), Ground floor, Kailash Sathyarthi block on **18.02.2026 at 12.00 Noon**. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage. The Tenderers are required to submit questions if any in writing so as to reach the Deputy Registrar (Estate), CUTN before the date of pre bid meeting. Non-attendance at the Pre-bid Meeting will not be a cause for disqualification of a Tenderer. However, Clarifications given in the Pre- bid meeting are the part of tender documents and bound to be agreed & signed by lowest bidder during the issue of work order.
2. Tenders received in time will be opened at **12:00 Hrs**(Office time) on **09.03.2026 at Estate Section, CUTN, Thiruvarur** in the presence of Tenderers or their authorized representatives by a committee duly constituted for this purpose. In the event of this day being declared as a holiday, the tenders will be opened at the scheduled time and place on next working day.
3. Other details and the method of evaluating the capacity of the prospective contractors are detailed in the enclosed documents.
4. The Registrar, CUTN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
5. After award of the contract, if performance of the selected contractor is not found to be satisfactory during the Contract period , CUTN reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time by giving due notice and forfeiting from the bills to compensate the extra cost to be incurred by CUTN in carrying out the service through alternate agency.
6. The Registrar, CUTN also reserves the right to disqualify such bidders in the future tenders whose performance was not satisfactory against the earlier contracts entered into CUTN, Thiruvarur.

11. Award of Service

The bidder achieving the highest combined QCBS score will be selected. A formal agreement will be signed between CUTN and the selected IIT/NIT any other Government Technical institutions before commencement.

12. EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT PERIOD:-

The actual work commences from the date of deployment of site engineer(s) at the campus. An agreement to be made between CUTN & TPQA. The contract will remain effective till the actual completion of work, nothing extra will be paid due to delay in completion of the work. The tentative time period for execution of the service is 24 Months. The current status of the work is mentioned in BoQ.

13. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCURACY OF TPOA SERVICES:-

- The TPQA shall be responsible for the accuracy of service provided by them. The opinion on the execution of the project provided shall be with documentary proof of

standards/laws/codes etc. However, the decision for implementation of their suggestions/recommendations shall rest with the Engineer in charge. No claim of any kind in this regard by TPQA will be entertained.

- TPQA shall be responsible for providing opinions regarding Quality Assurance of this work including methodology to be adopted, Specifications, Standards & quality measure parameters, etc. and no additional payment will be paid on this account by CUTN.

14. **MODE OF BILLING AND PAYMENT:-**

The payment will be paid by CUTN based on the bills raised by the TPQA agency along with the progress report and necessary supportive document like QA & QC test report, etc., the raised bill and the supportive documents will be duly certified by CUTN for further payment. The bill should be in favour of “The Registrar, Central University of Tamil Nadu. The TPQA’s fee is inclusive of all prevailing taxes, excluding GST. The GST is payable extra on every payment at the rate prevalent at the time of payment.

Advance payment limiting to 20% of total fee in two or more instalments on production of Bank Guarantee of equal amount may be made to the TPQA Govt. agencies. The 2nd instalment will be released considering the progress of TPQA agency. Running payment shall be made on proportionate basis.

5% of the due amount of TPQA during the month shall be deducted from TPQA for not carrying out inspection and preparation of details, required for work.

15. **EXTENSION OF MoU:-**

1. The extension of time will be given to TPQA, if the main work execution of the project will by the contractor is extended beyond the stipulated date of completion. No additional payment will be made for any delay in the completion of the work.
2. **Performance Security:** 5% of the work order value. (50% as initial deposit through DD/Bank Guaranty/Online Payments and the remaining 50% will be withheld in RAB @10% of the bill value)
3. **Dispute clause:** Any dispute relating to the procurement/delivery of the indented service shall be under the Hon’ble Court having its jurisdiction over Tiruvarur only.
4. TPQA have to arrange for their own office space for seating and power supply. Any other furniture, computer & any other facility will not be provided by CUTN. No other facility will be extended to the Engineers deployed for the project. TPQA have to arrange for their own residential accommodation.
5. The Registrar, CUTN, Thiruvarur reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the applications and to annul the qualification process/tender process at any time without assigning any reason or incurring any liability to the applicants.
6. There are no Earnest Money Deposit charges for the quote. The tender is a two-bid system (Technical bid & Price bid). Hence, the technical bid and Price bid need to be kept in separate sealed covers. The technical bid should consist of the earlier experience as mentioned in the Pre-qualification criteria and Price Bid should have only the quoted price. Both the above two Covers shall be placed in a Common Sealed Cover. All the documents shall be duly signed with a seal on all pages and placed in a common sealed cover duly super scribing the Name of Work, Tender reference & Date of opening.
7. It is the responsibility of the agency for the wages and all other statutory compliance of the Government for the persons deployed for the job. CUTN shall not be liable for anything in this aspect.

- i. Deposit at Bankers Cheque/Demand Draft of a Scheduled Bank
- ii. Government securities.
- iii. Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) of a Scheduled Bank.
- iv. An irrevocable bank guarantee bond of any scheduled bank or the State Bank of India.

The remaining 50% will be withheld in RAB @10% of the bill value.

8. **REFUND OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE:**

The performance guarantee shall be refunded to the contractor soon after the actual completion of work upon submission of the final inspection report/other documents. The deposited performance guarantee amount will not carry any interest.

9. If the tenderer deliberately gives wrong information in his tender or creates conditions favourable for the acceptance of his tender, CUTN reserves the right to reject such tender at any stage.
10. Canvassing in any form in connection with tenders is strictly prohibited and the tenders submitted by the contractors who resort to canvassing will be liable to rejection
11. This tender notice shall be deemed to form an integral part of the contract to be entered into for this work.
12. The renderers are advised to go through the condition stipulated in Tender document & code of conduct for Safety of Contract Labourer in details. Any violation thereof will invite punitive action being taken against them. While quoting the rate all the above factors are to be considered.

13. **ARBITRATION:**

Except where otherwise provided for in the contract all questions and disputes relating to the meaning of the specifications, designs, drawings and instructions hereinbefore mentioned and as to the quality of workmanship or materials used on the work or as to any other question, claim, right, matter or thing whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the contract, designs, drawings, specifications, estimates, instructions, orders or these conditions or otherwise concerning the work or failure to execute the same whether arising during the progress of the work or after the completion or abandonment thereof shall be referred to the sole arbitration of the mutually appointed Arbitrator, the proceedings shall be in English and in accordance with Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Act 1996 or any amendment thereof . The decision of the sole Arbitrator is binding and conclusive.

It is a term of the contract that the party involving arbitration shall specify the dispute or disputes to be referred to arbitration under this clause together with the amount or amounts claimed in respect of each such dispute. The arbitrator(s) may from time to time with consent of the parties enlarge the time for making and publishing the award.

The work under the Contract shall, if reasonably possible, continue, during the

arbitration proceedings and no payment due or payable, to the Contractor shall be withheld on account of such proceeding.

The arbitrator shall give a separate award in respect of each dispute or difference referred to him. The venue of arbitration shall be such place as may be fixed by the mutual agreement of the parties. The award of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding on all parties to this contract.

In the event of disputes or differences arising between one public sector enterprise and a Govt. Department or between two public sector enterprises the above stipulations shall not apply or its amendments for arbitration shall be applicable

14. **FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE:**

If at any time during the continuance of this contract, the performance in whole or in part by either party of any obligations under this contract shall be prevented or delayed by reason, of any war, hostilities, acts of the public enemy, civil commotion, sabotage, fires, explosions, epidemics, quarantine, restrictions or acts of GOD (hereinafter referred to as events) then provided notice of happening of any such events is given by either party to other within twenty-one days from the date of occurrence thereof neither party shall reason of such events be entitled to terminate this contract nor shall either party have any such non-performance and delay is resumed as soon as practicable after such events has come to an end or ceased to exist. If the performance in whole or part of any obligation under this contract is prevented or delayed by reason or any such event claims for extension of time shall be granted for period considered reasonable by CUTN subject to prompt notification by the tenderer to CUTN of the particulars of the events and supply to the CUTN if required of any supporting evidence. Any waiver of time in respect of partial instalment shall not be deemed to be a waiver of time in respect of remaining deliveries.

The correspondence exchanged against the tender from both tenderer and CUTN through email are considered as valid document legally though it is not signed. It is treated as valid confirmations made on behalf of the respective company and very much comes under the legal ambit of the business transaction and hence it is binding on both the parties to the business.

Any transaction pertaining to the tender from both the parties of business done round the clock irrespective of the office or business hours of the companies, are valid legally and binding on both the parties. This applies to the extent only in such cases where deadline time for transaction is not specifically declared by either or both the patties to the business.

In case Letter of Intent (LOI) is issued through email, the PC generated time and date of mail shall be construed as the official time and date of release of LOI. In as much as this date is within the last date of validity given by the tenderer the LOI is said to have been issued within the validity period and shall be bidding on both the parties to the business.

Tenderers participating in the tender should declare in their technical bid that whether they have been black-listed / kept on hold for a specified period /

given Business holiday for a specified period by any Public sector undertaking or Government departments. The reasons for such action with details and the current status of such hold shall be clearly furnished to CUTN. If no such details are mentioned in the offer then it will be construed that the subject tenderer is not under any such hold. But at a later date if it comes to the notice of CUTN about any such hold under enforcement on the subject tenderer, CUTN will have every right to reject the offer of such vendors at any point of time and also under any stage of the finalization of the subject tender irrespective of the status of the subject tenderer in that tender. Such tenderers will not be permitted to participate in the further tender proceedings and will be communicated suitably. They will not be also considered for any ongoing tenders even if participated till the hold is officially lifted and confirmed in writing.

15. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:-**

Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) may terminate the contract after 30 days of issuing a written notice in this regard. CUTN will take such action in the following circumstances.

- a) If the TPQA fails to render the services as per the terms and conditions of the agreement made with CUTN.
- b) If as the result of force majeure, the TPQA is unable to perform a material/substantial portion of the services for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.
- c) Upon termination of this contract, CUTN shall make payment to the TPQA for satisfactory services rendered by TPQA. Prior to the effective date of termination after offsetting against any amount that may be due from the TPQA to the CUTN.
- d) This contract will automatically be terminated, if the main contract for execution of the work is terminated/foreclosed by the competent authority of CUTN.

16. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM**

In case of any dispute arising out during execution of the contract the following procedure will be followed for resolving the issue. The decision of competent authority, CUTN, Tiruvarur in regard to the interpretation of the terms and conditions shall be final and binding which shall not be called in question in proceedings before any forum. The Institute rules shall be binding for execution of the contract. Further, in case of any dispute arising out of or in connection with the aforesaid contract either during subsistence of the contract or thereafter will be settled at his/her level by mutual consultation and in case of failure, Clause 9 Arbitration proceedings mentioned in this tender will be in effect. Jurisdiction for any dispute claims shall be made in courts/ Tribunal having jurisdiction over Tiruvarur, TN, India.

The format of bid security declaration form has to be submitted in the letter head of the firm/ company/ enterprises along with appropriate sign & seal (enclosed in Annexure-I).

(Annexure -I)

**PROCESS COMPLIANCE/ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER CONDITIONS FORM
INCLUDING EXEMPTION OF EMD**

**The Form has to be submitted in the Letter Head of the Institute along with
appropriate Sign & Seal)**

**The Registrar,
Central University of Tamil Nadu,
Thiruvarur – 610 005.**

Sub: Acceptance to the Process related & Terms and Conditions for the “Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) for providing independent *Third-Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) services cum establishment of Project Management Units (PMU)* for various construction projects within the CUTN campus”

Ref: The Terms & Conditions for above mentioned in EoI.

No.: _____

Sir, We hereby confirm the following. The undersigned is authorized representative of the institute. We have carefully gone through the CUTN Thiruvarur, Tender Documents and the Rules governing the EoI along with this document. We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including addendum (if any). We offer to supply in conformity with the Bidding Documents and in accordance with the condition of contact specified in this tender document. We will honour the Bid submitted by us during the EoI. We give undertaking that if any mistake occurs while submitting the bid from our side, we will honour the same.

We hereby confirm that this EoI is exempt from the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), as the requirement is applicable only to IITs/NITs/other Government Technical Institutions. We agree to abide by the terms and conditions specified in the EoI document.

Bid Securing Declaration: - We accept that if we withdraw or modify Bids during the period of validity, or if we are awarded the contract and fail to sign the contract, or to submit a performance security before the deadline defined in this bids document, we will be suspended / blacklisted / banned for contracts with Central University of Tamil Nadu Thiruvarur. We are aware that if CUTN Thiruvarur has to carry out EoI again due to our mistake, CUTN Thiruvarur has the right to disqualify us for this tender when refloats. Our bid shall be valid for the period from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline & it shall remain binding upon us and accepted at any time before the expiration of bid validity period as per this tender. If our bid is accepted, we commit to provide a performance security deposit at 5% of value of service (as per CUTN EoI Clauses) in Bank Guarantee /Fixed Deposits for due performance of the contract as per CUTN Thiruvarur policy and warranty-guarantee as per tender specification or agrees as per contract. We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award/placement of order, shall constitute a binding contract between us. We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive. We accept that the competent authority in CUTN Thiruvarur will have full right to reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason thereof and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any other tender and full authority to postpone the tender issue date, submission /opening date or to alter any other condition of tender /cancellation of this tender, as per policy/committee recommendations of CUTN Thiruvarur at any stage without assigning any reason thereof for which no claim from whomsoever will be entertained. I/We the undersigned have read the entire terms and conditions of this Tender document and we are fully agreeable to the terms and conditions mentioned herein. The decision of competent authority of CUTN Thiruvarur with respect to

this Tender-Result will be fully agreeable and binding on us.

This letter can be treated as signed and acceptance copy of tender documents and the forms submitted as signed by competent authority of firm submitting this tender and there is no need to submit separate signed copy of tender document.

Competent Authority of the Institute to sign:

Name

Designation

Contact Details

Date with stamp & seal of Institute:

Table -A
Building Details

| Sl. No | Name of the Project | Built-up Area (sqm) |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Construction of New Academic Building V - (G+5) | 14,325.00 |
| 2 | Construction of 300 bedded Girls Hostel at Thiruvarur on twin sharing basis – (G+4) | 5,468.32 |
| 3 | Construction of 300 bedded Boys Hostel at Thiruvarur on twin sharing basis – (G+4) | 5,472.89 |
| 4 | Construction of Scientific Instrumentation Center - – (G+1) | 2,714.57 |
| 5 | Construction of Horizontal Expansion of existing Administrative Building – (G+1) | 5,499.00 |
| 6 | Construction of 24 Nos Type II Quarters (2 blocks) – (G+2) | 1,694.00 |
| 7 | Construction of 16 Nos Type V Quarters (2 Nos G + 3 blocks) | 3,422.00 |
| 8 | Construction of 60 Nos Type IV Quarters (3 Nos G + 3 block & 1 No G + 2 block) | 8,095.65 |
| 9 | Construction of Statutory Officer Houses (Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examination and Librarian) as per Govt norms | 1,098.00 |
| 10 | Construction of 400 bedded research scholar hostel blocks (2 blocks having 200 capacity each) – (G+5) | 8,265.60 |

PRICE BID

(To be placed in a separate sealed cover)

Note: (*) Total TPQA Fees / Establishment of PMU is within 1% of Project Value (including GST).

| S. No. | Description | Period of contract | Project value in [Rs.] | TPQA cum establishment of PMU Fees / charges (%) (To be filled by the agency is Excluding GST) | Applicable GST % | Total (*) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7)=(5)+(6) |
| 1 | Third Party Quality Assurance (TPQA) & establishment of Project Management Unit (PMU) charges / fee for providing services for various construction projects as per Table - A | 24 months | 368.43 Crores (Including GST) | | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT (Including GST) | | | | | | |
| | In words Rupees _____ _____ | | | | | |

Period may vary as per actual date of completion and nothing on this account shall be payable.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The lowest quoted will be the successful bidder. The payment will be made for every month by dividing the total quoted price by 18months (subject to Force Majeure clause) for on-going works.
2. No extra payment except as quoted by the TPQA shall be paid for any other items whatsoever in any shape and form.
3. For the completed works, the payment will be made after the submission of QA/QC reports along with supporting documents and bill after due review by NT Tricky
4. TPQA is expected to make him acquainted with the work/services expected to be carried out by him for satisfactory carry out of the TPQA services. No extra payment for any account shall be entertained.

TECHNICAL EVALUATION PARAMETER

TPQA KEY EVALUATION

| Criterion | Marks |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| A. Past Experience | 10 |
| B. Reporting & Transparency | 10 |
| C. Expert Availability & Visit Plan | 20 |
| D. Manpower Deployment | 20 |
| E. Site Laboratory & Testing Capability | 20 |
| F. Methodology Framework | 20 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

**A. Past Experience (Documentary evidence to be submitted for work completion duly signed by the government construction agencies like PWD/CPWD)
(Total - 10 Marks)**

The bidder must provide documentary evidence, including completion certificates or work orders, to showcase their experience in TPQA services for government building projects valued at a minimum of 80 crores. This evidence must be signed by the relevant government construction agencies such as PWD or CPWD. This requirement ensures that the bidder has the necessary experience and expertise to successfully complete the TPQA services for the current project.

**B. Reporting & Transparency (Self statement to be submitted by the bidder)
(Total - 10 Marks)**

Reporting and transparency are crucial for the successful completion of large-scale government building projects as they ensure accountability and effective communication. Submitting daily, weekly, and monthly reports allows the bidder to update stakeholders on the project's progress and address any emerging issues effectively. Additionally, the creation of a digital platform to connect stakeholders shows a commitment to open communication and collaboration throughout the project. This level of detail and transparency demonstrates the bidder's dedication to meeting and exceeding the expectations set forth by the government agencies involved.

1. Submission of daily report from the bidder (2 Marks)
2. Submission of weekly report (2 Marks)
3. Submission of Monthly report (2 Marks)
4. Creation of digital platform which connect the stakeholders (4 Marks)

C. Expert Availability & Visit Plan (Self statement to be submitted by the bidder) (Total - 20 Marks)

The expert must be at least an Assistant Professor from NIT/IIT as outlined in the tender document. The expert must also include a comprehensive visit plan that details their availability for consultation and site visits. The expert must ensure that their visit plan is in sync with the project's deadlines and milestones to facilitate timely completion.

1. 40 visits—5 Marks
2. 80 visits - 12 Marks
3. 120 visits - 20 Marks

The expert should be readily available for consultation and site visits to ensure smooth progress of the project. The number of visits will be a key factor in determining the expert's performance, with 40 visits earning 5 Marks, 80 visits earning 12 Marks, and 120 visits earning the full 20 Marks. It is important for the expert to align their visit plan with project deadlines and milestones to ensure timely completion of the project.

D. Manpower Deployment (Self statement to be submitted by the bidder) (Total - 20 Marks)

The TPQA agency should allocate adequate full-time staff to the CUTN campus for the duration of the project, comprising a Quality Head, Quality Engineers in relevant disciplines, and Quality Assistants for on-site support. CUTN specifies only the roles, and not numbers. The on-site team shall consist of:

1. A Quality Head (QH),
2. Quality Engineers in relevant disciplines (Civil/Electrical/MEP as applicable), and
3. Quality Assistants for field-level support.

Quality Head (QH)

- a) Must be present for the entire **30-month** duration
- b) Minimum qualification: **B.E./B.Tech Civil**
- c) Minimum **10 years' experience**

Quality Engineers (Civil/Electrical/MEP)

- a) Civil Engineer – minimum duration 26 months
- b) Electrical/MEP Engineer – minimum duration 15 months

- c) Minimum qualification: B.E./B.Tech
- d) Minimum 2 years' experience

Quality Assistants

- a) Minimum qualification: **Diploma in Civil Engineering**

Marks will be awarded based on proposed personnel structure:

| Deployment Structure | Marks |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Quality Head + 2 Quality Engineers (Civil/Electrical) | 6 Marks |
| 1 Quality Head + 3 Quality Engineers (Civil/Electrical) | 8 Marks |
| 1 Quality Head + 3 Quality Engineers + 6 Quality Assistants | 20 Marks |

E. Site Laboratory & Testing Capability (Self statement to be submitted by the bidder)
(Total - 20 Marks)

The TPQA agency must conduct at least 50% of the mandatory tests for the project after the contractor finishes their tests to verify results independently and enhance the quality assurance process. This ensures a dual-layer quality assurance system and reduces the chance of material or workmanship discrepancies.

The **in-house CUTN lab** must be capable of carrying out all essential/basic tests including, but not limited to:

- Concrete cube testing
- Aggregate and sand testing
- Soil classification and basic compaction testing
- Brick testing
- Basic steel bar testing (physical)
- Basic bitumen and road material testing
- Non-destructive testing support (rebound hammer, UPV, Pile Integrity Test)

As part of the Technical Bid, the bidder must include the complete lab setup plan, equipment list, proposed staff, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for basic tests.

It is mandatory for the TPQA agency to set up an in-house laboratory at the CUTN campus to conduct essential construction material tests throughout the project duration. The bidder must provide a detailed statement affirming their capability to establish and manage the on-site lab.

For **advanced and highly specialized tests** that cannot be conducted in the CUTN in-house lab due to equipment limitations, the TPQA agency shall transport the samples to an **advanced external laboratory** with suitable facilities. These advanced tests may include:

- Chemical analysis of materials
- Advanced steel testing
- Detailed bitumen/road quality testing
- Specialised NDT investigations
- Any other tests requiring precision equipment

The responsibility for **transportation, handling, test coordination, documentation, and result verification** lies entirely with the TPQA agency.

By integrating basic testing at CUTN's on-site lab and advanced testing at accredited external labs, the project guarantees thorough quality assurance coverage for all construction materials and activities.

1. if the bidder can perform 15% test **of the total mandatory tests of the project** - 4 Marks
2. If bidder can perform 30 % test **of the total mandatory tests of the project** - 8 Marks
3. If bidder can perform all 50% test **of the total mandatory tests of the project**- 16 Marks
4. For setting up in house lab - 4 Marks

For example, in a major infrastructure project, the TPQA agency is responsible for ensuring that all construction materials undergo rigorous testing using precision equipment. This includes coordinating the transportation of samples to external accredited labs for advanced testing, as well as verifying and documenting the results to guarantee quality assurance compliance. Additionally, bidders can earn Marks based on their ability to perform a certain percentage of tests themselves, with incentives offered for setting up an in-house lab to further enhance quality control measures.

F. Methodology frame work (Self statement to be submitted by the bidder) (Total - 20 Marks)

The methodology framework is classified into three different levels: Basic, Moderate, and Advanced, each with specific requirements and scoring criteria. Marks will be granted if the bidder submits basic, moderate, and advanced methodology documents, complete with checklists, frameworks, sample documents, and reports.